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For:

XANTHAN GUM AND HPMC FOR THE TREATMENT OF IBD

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Commissioner for Patents

April 7, 2004

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT

Commission of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313 April 7, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Claim 23 is cancelled

New claim 56 is added.